

Finally, H.R. 2419 also encourages the expansion of renewable energy research and production, contains a new section for horticulture and organic agriculture, and includes funding to make sure our food supply is safe and stable. Mr. Chairman, this legislation helps farmers meet growing environmental challenges, gives consumers more health food choices, and promotes critical renewable energy development. I look forward to passing this measure into law.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
SAMUEL W. DOWNING

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Samuel W. Downing, who passed away June 30, 2007, at the age of 45. Captain Downing, who served with distinction in the Mobile Fire-Rescue Department, was a pillar of the Mobile community and will be deeply missed.

Captain Downing, a native of Wilmer, Alabama, was a resident of Mobile County. He served with the department for more than 21 years and was a shift supervisor for Engine 15 and the Hazardous Material Response Team at Gus Rehm Fire Station. In 1995, Captain Downing received the Firefighter's Creed Award.

A colleague recalled Captain Downing's sincere passion for his job. He particularly enjoyed when school groups would tour the fire station. Rather than having them simply walk through the fire station to see the fire trucks and the sleeping quarters, Captain Downing did his best to entertain as well as educate the children. He would also let the kids try on the fire suits and even practice using the fire hose.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Samuel W. Downing. He will be sorely missed by many but most by his beloved wife, Lisa; his three children Cody, Victoria, and Colton; and his brother Wayne. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this legislation.

Iran presents a major problem for the United States on a number of levels. Its overt nuclear ambitions, its interference in the Israeli-Arab peace process, and its support for Hezbollah—which is second only to al Qaeda in the number of American lives it has claimed—as well as Hamas and other terrorist organizations all present challenges to stability in the region.

We must use our economic leverage, among other tools, to address this problem, and this legislation allows us to do that. First, it extends the threat of sanctions to foreign

subsidiaries of American companies if the subsidiaries were acquired or created in order to evade existing prohibitions on trade with Iran. Second, the definition of Iran's petroleum sector is expanded to include petroleum by-products and liquefied natural gas. Third, it expands who may be sanctioned to include the underwriters of these investments in Iran's energy sector.

Iran's economy is heavily dependent on oil and gas windfall profits, and this money is also used to fund terrorism and its nuclear program. This bill is a crucial part of continuing sanctions efforts, both by the U.S. and the international community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

HENRY FORD SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM ACT

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an important problem that threatens America's position as the world's economic leader. Each year, only 70,000 students graduate from America's colleges with degrees in engineering and technology. In China, more than 700,000 students graduate per year with similar degrees. China, which has the world's fastest growing economy, is quickly becoming a dominant manufacturing power.

To ensure our position as the world's global economic leader, we must encourage students to pursue careers critical to America's industries. An educated workforce will be the stimulus for our economy. Therefore, I have introduced H.R. 1568, the Henry Ford Scholarship Program Act of 2007. By providing college students pursuing engineering, math, science or health care degrees with up to a \$20,000 scholarship, America will create the innovators it needs to sustain our leadership in the competitive global market.

I invite my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 1568. Together we can help our students afford higher education and ensure our economic well-being.

DARFUR DIVESTMENT AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 180, the Darfur Divestment and Accountability Act. This measure supports State, city, and university efforts to divest funds from, or restrict investments in, companies that conduct business operations in Sudan. H.R. 180 works toward a goal of ending a travesty that has resonated with people all over the world.

My home State of Rhode Island has been active on this tragic issue for many years, with Providence becoming the first U.S. city to divest from companies tied to the Sudanese

Government in 2006. Just this past month, Rhode Island passed Sudan divestment into law. These actions would not have been possible without our very active student population, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their persistent advocacy.

Like my constituents, I am deeply concerned over the ongoing violence and humanitarian disaster in the Darfur region. It is truly a tragedy that we have not learned from our mistakes in the past regarding genocide, but it is not too late to change the situation in Sudan. It is our duty to end this human suffering, and as a member of the Sudan Caucus, I will continue to work with my colleagues to stop this conflict and promote peace in Sudan. Passing H.R. 180 is an important and necessary step for Congress to take as we work to achieve this goal.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
EDWARD B. BAUMHAUER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire State of Alabama lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Edward B. Baumhauer was a devoted family man and dedicated community leader throughout his life.

A graduate of the School of Architecture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University, Mr. Baumhauer was an award-winning architect. His works include many recognizable buildings in the Mobile community including the building for Little Sisters of the Poor, the contemporary glass Infirmary 65 building, and the renovation of the Government Street Hotel. Mr. Baumhauer won architectural awards for the Ryan-Welsh Stevedoring building and the Lyons, Pipes and Cook law firm office. The Capri Cinema, Mobile's first rocking chair theater, was also one of Mr. Baumhauer's creations. His designs, masterfully created, reflected his passion for his work which he found "much more fascinating than [his original major] mechanical engineering." Throughout his career, Edward Baumhauer served as a principal of several architecture firms; he retired from Baumhauer-Hall Architects in 2002.

In addition to his architecture achievements, Mr. Baumhauer served the city of Mobile and state of Alabama in various other civic capacities. Son of long-time Mobile Mayor Charles A. Baumhauer, Edward Baumhauer was an all-city football player at Murphy High School. While attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute, he was elected the president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a member and chairman of the board of deacons at First Baptist Church and a member and president of the local and State chapters of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Baumhauer was also a member of the Fairhope Yacht Club and several mystic organizations.

Mr. Baumhauer proudly served the United States Navy in World War II while stationed aboard a submarine chaser in the western Pacific theater of operations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community

leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him. Mr. Baumhauer is survived by his wife, Bettye Clements Baumhauer of Mobile; three daughters, Uan Mejia, Lea McQueen, and Carey Golden; 4 step-children; 6 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; and his longtime caregiver, Adele Tate. May his family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of all who loved and appreciated Mr. Baumhauer as they did.

UNITED STATES CARIBBEAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to express praise and support for H.R. 176, introduced by Representative BARBARA LEE.

This bill would provide financial assistance for an educational exchange program for U.S. and Caribbean students and enhance training for Caribbean educators. A program such as this would enable students from the U.S. and the Caribbean to gain a wealth of academic and cultural knowledge. Further, it would contribute to enhancing the relationship the U.S. has with its Caribbean neighbors.

This past June, heads of state from the Caribbean visited Washington, DC for a week long conference. I attended meetings with them to learn more about the needs of their countries and to begin a dialogue that would foster closer diplomatic relations. I learned more about the Caribbean nations difficult challenges with widespread poverty, crime, and drug addiction.

While I and others in the executive and legislative branches of government worked towards strengthening our government-to-government ties, non-governmental organizations and ordinary citizens meet in seminars organized to foster closer people-to-people ties.

I am particularly concerned about trade, economic growth, and national security, all of which have a connection to the social challenges in some Caribbean nations.

Due to globalization and other advances in technology, the world is getting smaller and thus competition in the marketplace will be more rigorous. In order for people of the Caribbean to compete in the future marketplace, they will need an education in the characteristics of globalization.

It is clear that education is a key ingredient to resolving poverty, not only in the U.S., but in the Caribbean as well. The lack of opportunities to receive an education has far reaching implications. This bill offers some help with addressing the social issues that are threatening the health and stability of the Caribbean, which has a direct connection to limited educational opportunities. It is important for the U.S. to play a role in uplifting the people of the Caribbean.

I applaud Representative LEE for introducing this bill and highlighting the need for the U.S. to create strong educational exchange programs with the Caribbean. I urge my col-

leagues to support this bill. Supporting this bill will affirm the U.S. interest in building relationships with the Caribbean, which strengthen the ties between our people and have a lasting beneficial impact upon the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 758, I was unavoidably absent; had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 759, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 760, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 761, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 762, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO MR. P.T. WRIGHT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. P.T. Wright, the Acting Deputy Director of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program, who was recently awarded the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.

This award was given for his extraordinary contributions to the security of our Nation over the course of a U.S. border management career spanning 33 years. This award is presented to a small number of federal senior executives who have made significant accomplishments throughout their careers in the Federal Government. Mr. P.T. Wright first began his career with the former U.S. Customs Service on August 30, 1973, and has held key positions in customs and border protection management in Washington, DC, El Paso, Texas, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Nogales, Arizona.

Mr. Wright also serves as the U.S. team leader on the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Technical Working Group and the U.S.-Canadian Bi-National Technical Working group for the implementation of the US-VISIT program. In recognition of his work with Mexico and Canada, he has received the National Narcotics Officers Association Customs Award and the European Commission-Sanctions Ambassador's Peace Recognition Award.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this time to recognize Acting Deputy Director P.T. Wright, a fellow public servant working to help improve our Nation's security.

A TRIBUTE TO CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA, RESPONDERS FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF TWO YOUNG CHILDREN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to several local responders in

southwest Alabama whose heroic actions helped to save the lives of two toddlers.

John Thomas Atchison and Cole Hicks accidentally fell into the backyard pool of their daycare and were unresponsive when they were discovered. Dispatchers were immediately called for help, and Alabama State Trooper Daryl Linder was the first one on the scene. Moments later, Jackson Police officer Carey Slayton arrived, and both began administering CPR on the toddlers. Many others began arriving on the scene, including Dr. Jared Ellis, who had heard about the incident.

The boys were flown to the University of South Alabama Women's and Children's Hospital. For the next 6 weeks, Cole Hicks was hospitalized in Mobile and then transferred to Birmingham. He is still recovering and undergoing physical therapy daily. Even though Cole still faces a long road to recovery, he is alive and that is all that matters to his parents and the people that rescued him that day.

As for John Thomas Atchison, the 2-year old became responsive and started breathing on his own soon after the officers started giving him CPR. Today, he is a healthy young boy with no serious damage from the accident.

The Alabama State Legislature as well as the Clarke County Commission have passed resolutions honoring the men and women that saved these two young boys including: Alabama State Trooper Daryl Linder, Jackson Police officer Carey Slayton, Jackson Police officer Barry Fowler, Dr. Jared Ellis, EMT Scott Flach, Alan Rutledge, EMT Stacey Rutledge, Kenny Reeves, EMT Rodney Johnson and registered nurse Henry Eubanks.

Madam Speaker, the dedication of the men and women who responded that day is a testimony to local law enforcement agencies and their commitment to their job and community. I am truly grateful to have men and women like this serving our local districts.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This year marks the anniversary of the creation of the civil rights organization that contributed to significant change in the United States. Founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and other ministers whose moral vision led to them becoming civil rights leaders, the organization was originally named the Southern Leadership Conference on Transportation and Nonviolent Integration. The original name embodied the spirit of addressing civil rights issues nonviolently, Christian beliefs, and the goal of desegregating buses in Montgomery, Alabama. The organization's strength and support was rooted in the Black church community.

Through mobilizing the black community in Montgomery to walk and share car rides to destinations for almost a year, this organization successfully led a bus boycott which resulted in desegregation of buses. This event